

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Original) A compound of the formula (I)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein

Z is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; naphthyl; indenyl; C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl; indanyl; tetralinyl; decalinyl; heterocycle; and heterobicycle, wherein Z is optionally substituted with one or more R⁸, wherein R⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; OH; NH₂; oxo (=O), where the ring is at least partially saturated; R⁹; and R¹⁰;

R⁹ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and S-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein R⁹ is optionally interrupted by oxygen and wherein R⁹ is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R¹⁰ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; heterocycle; and C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, wherein R¹⁰ is optionally substituted with one or more R¹¹, wherein R¹¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; OH; NH₂; oxo (=O), where the ring is at least partially saturated; C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and S-C₁₋₆ alkyl;

R¹, R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; F; OH; and R^{4a};

R², R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; F; and R^{4b};

R^{4a} is independently selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl; and O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein R^{4a} is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{4b} is C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein R^{4b} is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R³ is selected from the group consisting of H; and C₁₋₆ alkyl;

Optionally one or more pairs of R¹, R², R³, R⁴, R⁵ independently selected from the group consisting of R¹/R²; R²/R³; R³/R⁴; and R⁴/R⁵ form a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl ring, which is optionally substituted with one or more of R¹², wherein R¹² is independently selected from the group consisting of F; Cl; and OH;

X is selected from the group consisting of S(O); S(O)₂; C(O); and C(R¹³R¹⁴);

R¹³, R¹⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; F; C₁₋₆ alkyl; R¹⁵; and R¹⁶;

Optionally one or both pairs of R⁵, R¹³, R¹⁴ selected from the group consisting of R⁵/R¹³; and R¹³/R¹⁴ form a C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl ring, which is optionally substituted with one or more R¹⁷, wherein R¹⁷ is independently selected from the group consisting of F; Cl; and OH;

R¹⁵ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; naphthyl; and indenyl, wherein R¹⁵ is optionally substituted with one or more R¹⁸, wherein R¹⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of R¹⁹, R²⁰; halogen; CN; COOH; OH; C(O)NH₂; S(O)₂NH₂; S(O)NH₂; C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S-C₁₋₆ alkyl; COO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; OC(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; C(O)N(R²¹)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂N(R²¹)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)N(R²¹)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R²¹)S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and N(R²¹)S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl, wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{16} is selected from the group consisting of heterocycle; heterobicycle; C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; indanyl; tertralinyl; and decalanyl, wherein R^{16} is optionally substituted with one or more R^{22} , wherein R^{22} is independently selected from the group consisting of R^{19} ; R^{20} ; halogen; CN; OH; oxo (=O), where the ring is at least partially saturated; NH_2 ; COOH; $C(O)NH_2$; $S(O)_2NH_2$; $S(O)NH_2$; C_{1-6} alkyl; O- C_{1-6} alkyl; S- C_{1-6} alkyl; $N(R^{23})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; COO- C_{1-6} alkyl; OC(O)- C_{1-6} alkyl; $C(O)N(R^{23})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{23})-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2N(R^{23})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)N(R^{23})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{23})S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and $N(R^{23})S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, wherein each C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{19} is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; and naphthyl, wherein R^{19} is optionally substituted with one or more R^{24} , wherein R^{24} is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; COOH; OH; $C(O)NH_2$; $S(O)_2NH_2$; $S(O)NH_2$; C_{1-6} alkyl; O- C_{1-6} alkyl; S- C_{1-6} alkyl; COO- C_{1-6} alkyl; OC(O)- C_{1-6} alkyl; $C(O)N(R^{25})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2N(R^{25})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)N(R^{25})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{25})S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and $N(R^{25})S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl, wherein each C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{20} is selected from the group consisting of heterocycle; heterobicycle; and C_{3-7} cycloalkyl; wherein R^{20} is optionally substituted with one or more R^{26} , wherein R^{26} is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; OH; oxo (=O), where the ring is at least partially saturated; NH_2 ; COOH; $C(O)NH_2$; $S(O)_2NH_2$; $S(O)NH_2$; C_{1-6} alkyl; O- C_{1-6} alkyl; S- C_{1-6} alkyl; $N(R^{27})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; COO- C_{1-6} alkyl; OC(O)- C_{1-6} alkyl; $C(O)N(R^{27})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{27})-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2N(R^{27})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)N(R^{27})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{27})S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and $N(R^{27})S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl wherein each C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{21} , R^{23} , R^{25} , R^{27} are independently selected from the group consisting of H; and C_{1-6} alkyl, which is optionally substituted with one or more of R^{28} , wherein R^{28} is independently selected from the group consisting of F; Cl and OH;

R^6 , R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of H; $(C(R^{29}R^{30}))_m-X^1-Z^1$; $(C(R^{31}R^{32}))_n-X^2-X^3-Z^2$; and C_{1-4} alkyl, which is substituted with one or more R^{29a} , wherein R^{29a} is independently selected from the group consisting of R^{29b} ; and Z^1 , provided that R^6 , R^7 are selected so that not both of R^6 , R^7 are independently selected from the group consisting of H; CH_3 ; CH_2CH_3 ; $CH_2CH_2CH_3$; and $CH(CH_3)_2$;

R^{29} , R^{29b} , R^{30} , R^{31} , R^{32} are independently selected from the group consisting of H; halogen; CN; OH; NH_2 ; $COOH$; $C(O)NH_2$; $S(O)_2NH_2$; $S(O)NH_2$; C_{1-6} alkyl; $O-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{32a})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $COO-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $OC(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $C(O)N(R^{32a})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{32a})-C(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2N(R^{32a})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)N(R^{32a})-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; $N(R^{32a})S(O)_2-C_{1-6}$ alkyl; and $N(R^{32a})S(O)-C_{1-6}$ alkyl wherein each C_{1-6} alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{32a} is selected from the group consisting of H; and C_{1-6} alkyl, which is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

Optionally one or more pairs of R^{29} , R^{30} , R^{31} , R^{32} independently selected from the group consisting of R^{29}/R^{30} ; and R^{31}/R^{32} form a C_{3-7} cycloalkyl ring, which is optionally substituted with one or more R^{32b} , wherein R^{32b} is independently selected from the group consisting of F; Cl; and OH;

m is 0, 1, 2, 3 or 4;

n is 2, 3 or 4;

X¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³³)-; -C(O)-; -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³³)-; -C(O)O-; -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³³)-; -C(O)N(R³³)-; -C(O)N(R³³)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C(O)N(R³³)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C(O)N(R³³)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁴)-; -S(O)₂-; -S(O)-; -S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³³)-; and -S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³³)-; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

X² is selected from the group consisting of -O-; -S-; -S(O)-; S(O)₂-; and -N(R³⁵)-;

X³ is selected from the group consisting of a covalent bond; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁶)-; -C(O)-; -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁶)-; -C(O)O-; -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -C(O)O-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁶)-; -C(O)N(R³⁶)-; -C(O)N(R³⁶)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -C(O)N(R³⁶)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; and -C(O)N(R³⁶)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁷)-; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

Optionally X²-X³ are independently selected from the group consisting of -N(R³⁵)-S(O)₂-; -N(R³⁵)-S(O)-; -N(R³⁵)-S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -N(R³⁵)-S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-; -N(R³⁵)-S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -N(R³⁵)-S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-O-; -N(R³⁵)-S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁶)-; and -N(R³⁵)-S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl-N(R³⁶)-; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R³³, R³⁴, R³⁵, R³⁶, R³⁷ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; and C₁₋₆ alkyl, which is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

Z¹, Z² are independently selected from the group consisting of Z³; and -C(R^{37a})Z^{3a}Z^{3b};

R^{37a} is selected from the group consisting of H; and C₁₋₆ alkyl, which is optionally substituted with one or more F;

Z³, Z^{3a}, Z^{3b} are independently selected from the group consisting of H; T¹; T²; C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₁₋₆ alkyl-T¹; and C₁₋₆ alkyl-T²; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more R^{37b}, wherein R^{37b} is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; OH; NH₂; COOH; C(O)NH₂; S(O)₂NH₂; S(O)NH₂; C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R^{37c})-C₁₋₆ alkyl; COO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; OC(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; C(O)N(R^{37c})-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R^{37c})-C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂N(R^{37c})-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)N(R^{37c})-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R^{37c})S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and N(R^{37c})S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more halogen independently selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

T¹ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; naphthyl; and indenyl; wherein T¹ is optionally substituted with one or more R³⁸; wherein R³⁸ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; R³⁹; COOH; OH; C(O)NH₂; S(O)₂NH₂; S(O)NH₂; COOT³; OT³; ST³; C(O)N(R⁴⁰)T³; S(O)₂N(R⁴⁰)T³; S(O)N(R⁴⁰)T³ and T³;

T² is selected from the group consisting of C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl; indanyl; tetralinyl; decalinyl; heterocycle; and heterobicycle; wherein T² is optionally substituted with one or more R⁴¹, wherein R⁴¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; R⁴²; OH; oxo (=O), where the ring is at least partially saturated; NH₂; COOH; C(O)NH₂; S(O)₂NH₂; S(O)NH₂; COOT³; OT³; C(O)N(R⁴³)T³; S(O)₂N(R⁴³)T³; S(O)N(R⁴³)T³; N(R⁴³)T³; and T³;

R³⁹ is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S-C₁₋₆ alkyl; COO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; OC(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; C(O)N(R⁴⁴)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂N(R⁴⁴)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)N(R⁴⁴)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁴⁴)S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and N(R⁴⁴)S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one more R⁴⁵, wherein R⁴⁵ is independently selected from the group consisting of F; COOR⁴⁶; C(O)N(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷); S(O)₂N(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷); OR⁴⁶; N(R⁴⁶R⁴⁷); T³; O-T³; and N(R⁴⁶)-T³;

R⁴² is selected from the group consisting of C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁴⁸)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; COO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; OC(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; C(O)N(R⁴⁸)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁴⁸)-C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂N(R⁴⁸)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)N(R⁴⁸)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -N(R⁴⁸)S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and -N(R⁴⁸)S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one or more R⁴⁵, wherein R⁴⁵ is independently selected from the group consisting of F; COOR⁴⁹; C(O)N(R⁴⁹R⁵⁰); S(O)₂N(R⁴⁹R⁵⁰); S(O)N(R⁴⁹R⁵⁰); OR⁴⁹; N(R⁴⁹R⁵⁰); T³; O-T³; and N(R⁴⁹)-T³;

R⁴⁰, R⁴³, R⁴⁴, R⁴⁶, R⁴⁷, R⁴⁸, R⁴⁹, R⁵⁰ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; and C₁₋₆ alkyl;

T³ is selected from the group consisting of T⁴; and T⁵;

T⁴ is selected from the group consisting of phenyl; naphthyl; and indenyl; wherein T⁴ is optionally substituted with one or more R⁵¹, wherein R⁵¹ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; COOR⁵²; OR⁵²; C(O)N(R⁵²R⁵³); S(O)₂N(R⁵²R⁵³); C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S-C₁₋₆ alkyl; COO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; OC(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; C(O)N(R⁵²)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂N(R⁵²)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)N(R⁵²)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁵²)S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and N(R⁵²)S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted with one more halogen selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

T⁵ is selected from the group consisting of heterocycle; heterobicycle; C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl; indanyl; tetralinyl; and decalinyl; wherein T⁵ is optionally substituted with one or more R⁵⁴, wherein R⁵⁴ is independently selected from the group consisting of halogen; CN; OR⁵⁵; oxo (=O), where the ring is at least partially saturated; N(R⁵⁵R⁵⁶); COOR⁵⁵; C(O)N(R⁵⁵R⁵⁶); S(O)₂N(R⁵⁵R⁵⁶); S(O)N(R⁵⁵R⁵⁶); C₁₋₆ alkyl; O-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁵⁵)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; COO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; OC(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; C(O)N(R⁵⁵)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁵⁵)-C(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂N(R⁵⁵)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)N(R⁵⁵)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; N(R⁵⁵)S(O)₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and N(R⁵⁵)S(O)-C₁₋₆ alkyl; wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is

optionally substituted with one more halogen selected from the group consisting of F; and Cl;

R^{52} , R^{53} , R^{55} , R^{56} , are independently selected from the group consisting of H; and C_{1-6} alkyl;

with the proviso that the following compounds are excluded:

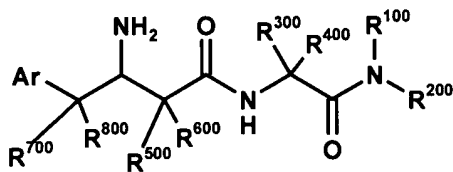
3-amino-N-cyclohexyl-4-phenyl-butyramide,

(S)-3-amino-N-[5-(6-dimethylamino-purin-9-yl)-4-hydroxy-2-hydroxymethyl-tetrahydrofuran-3-yl]-4-p-tolyl-butyramide,

(S)-2-((S)-2-amino-3-phenyl-propane-1-sulfonylamino)-3-phenyl-propionic acid,

(S)-3-amino-4,N-diphenyl-butyramide;

and with the further proviso that compounds according to the following formula are excluded:



wherein

Ar is phenyl optionally substituted with 1, 2, 3, 4, or 5 groups independently selected from halogen; C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 halogens; O- C_{1-6} alkyl optionally substituted with 1 to 5 halogens; and cyano,

R^{500} , R^{600} , R^{700} , R^{800} are independently selected from H; and C_{1-6} alkyl, optionally substituted by 1 or 2 F,

R³⁰⁰ and R⁴⁰⁰ are independently selected from hydrogen; C₁₋₆ alkyl, which is optionally substituted by 1 or 2 F; and C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl, optionally substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents independently selected from halogen and hydroxy,

R¹⁰⁰ is selected from hydrogen; and C₁₋₆ alkyl, optionally substituted by 1 or 2 F,

R²⁰⁰ is selected from hydrogen; C₁₋₆ alkyl; C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl; phenyl; HET1; C₁₋₆ alkylphenyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylAR2; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-HET1; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-HET2; -C₁₋₆ alkyl-CO₂C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylOCO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylCO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylNHCO-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylCONH-alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylCON-di-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylNH-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylN-di-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylNHSO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylSO₂NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl; -C₁₋₆ alkylSO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl; and -C₁₋₆ alkylSO₂N-di(C₁₋₆) alkyl;

wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl is optionally substituted by 1 or 2 F; and

wherein phenyl, AR2, HET1, HET2 and C₃₋₇ cycloalkyl are optionally substituted by 1, 2, 3, 4 or 5 substituents independently selected from phenyl (optionally substituted with halogen, trifluoromethyl, C₁₋₄ alkyl or O-C₁₋₄ alkyl), halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, haloC₁₋₆ alkyl, dihaloC₁₋₆ alkyl, trifluoromethyl, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, carboxy-C₁₋₆ alkyl, carboxy-C₁₋₆ alkyoxy, hydroxy, amino, C₁₋₆ alkylamino, diC₁₋₆ alkylamino, -CONH₂, -CONH-C₁₋₆ alkyl, CON-di(C₁₋₆)alkyl, -NHCO-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -SO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl, SO₂NH₂, -SO₂NH-C₁₋₆ alkyl, SO₂N-diC₁₋₆ alkyl and -NHSO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl,

further

R¹⁰⁰ and R²⁰⁰ may together with the nitrogen to which they are attached form a ring defined by HET1 or HET3;

wherein a ring comprising R¹⁰⁰ and R²⁰⁰ is optionally substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from halogen, C₁₋₆ alkyl, O-C₁₋₆ alkyl, cyano, carboxy, carboxy-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CO₂-C₁₋₆ alkyl, C₁₋₆ alkylamino, di-(C₁₋₆) alkylamino, -NHCO-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CONH-C₁₋₆ alkyl, -CON-di-C₁₋₆ alkyl and HET1, wherein each C₁₋₆ alkyl group is optionally substituted by 1 or 2 substituents independently selected from hydroxy and fluoro;

and

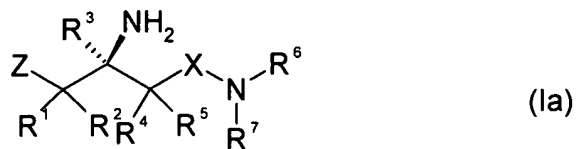
AR2 is a 8-, 9- or 10-membered unsaturated, partially or fully saturated bicyclic carbocyclic ring;

HET1 is a 3-, 4-, 5- or 6-membered, unsaturated, partially or fully saturated monocyclic heterocyclyl ring containing up to four heteroatoms independently selected from O, N, and S (but not containing any O-O, O-S or S-S bonds) linked via a ring carbon atom or a ring nitrogen atom if the ring is not thereby quaternised, and wherein an available carbon, sulfur or nitrogen atom may be oxidized;

HET2 is a 8-, 9- or 10-membered, unsaturated, partially or fully saturated bicyclic heterocyclyl ring containing up to four heteroatoms independently selected from O, N, and S (but not containing any O-O, O-S or S-S bonds) and linked via a ring carbon atom in either of the rings comprising the bicyclic system; and

HET3 is a N-linked saturated bicyclic ring system containing up to 12 ring atoms including the linking nitrogen atom.

2. (Original) A compound according to claim 1 of formula (Ia)



or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, wherein Z, R¹-R⁷ and X have the meaning as indicated in claim 1.

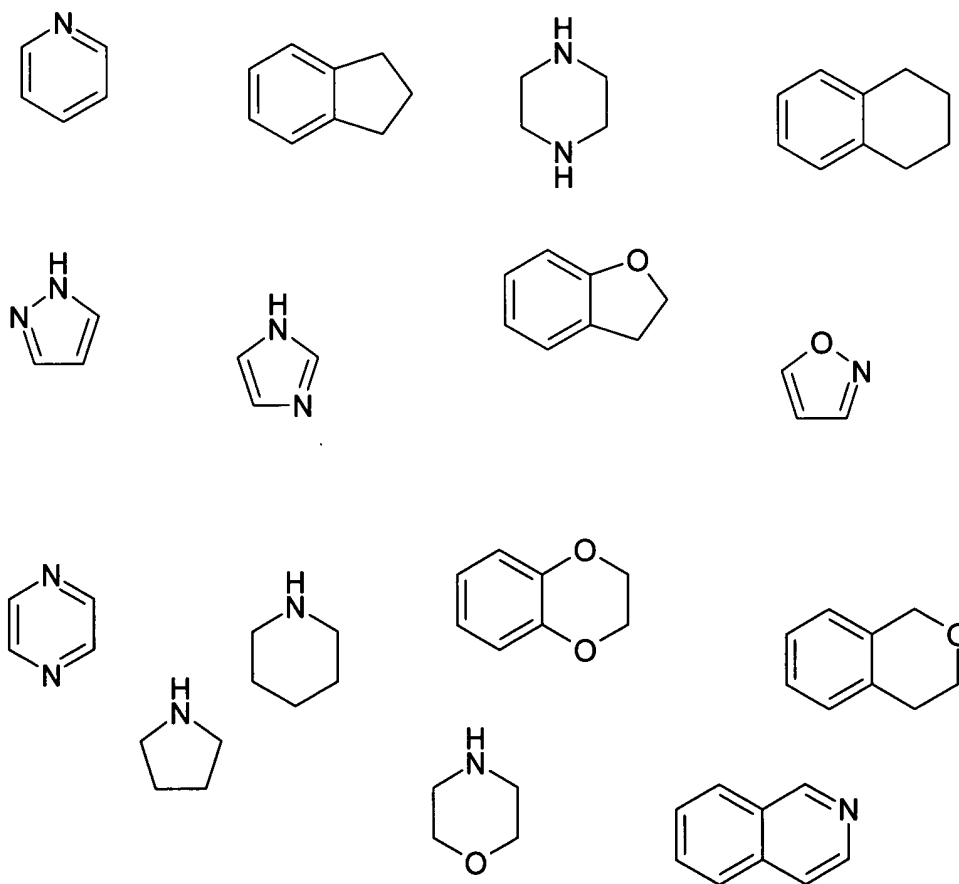
3. (Currently amended) A compound according to claim 1 or 2, wherein Z is phenyl or heterocycle.

4. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein Z is optionally substituted with 1 or 2 R⁸, which are the same or different.
5. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R⁸ is selected from the group consisting of Cl; F; CN; CH₃; and OCH₃.
6. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein Z is 2-Fluoro-phenyl.
7. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R¹, R⁴ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; F; OH; CH₃; and OCH₃.
8. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R², R⁵ are independently selected from the group consisting of H; F; and CH₃.
9. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R¹, R², R⁴, R⁵ are H.
10. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R³ is H.
11. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein X is C(O) or S(O)₂.
12. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R⁶ is selected from the group consisting of H; and CH₃.

13. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein X^1 is a covalent bond.
14. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein m is 0, 1, 2 or 3.
15. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^7 is Z^1 .
16. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^7 is C_{1-4} alkyl, substituted with 1-4 R^{29a} , which are the same or different.
17. (Original) A compound according to claim 16, wherein R^7 is selected from the group consisting of $CH(R^{29a})_2$; $CHR^{29a}-CH_2R^{29a}$; $CH_2-CH(R^{29a})_2$; $CH_2-CHR^{29a}-CH_2R^{29a}$; and $CH_2-CH_2-CH(R^{29a})_2$.
18. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^{29a} is selected from the group consisting of R^{29b} ; and Z^1 ; and wherein R^{29b} is selected from the group consisting of H; F; Cl; NH_2 ; $NHCH_3$; $N(CH_3)_2$; CH_3 ; and C_2H_5 .
19. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^{29a} is selected from the group consisting of R^{29b} ; and Z^1 ; and wherein Z^1 is selected from the group consisting of T^1 ; and T^2 .
20. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein T^1 is phenyl; and wherein T^1 is optionally substituted with 1-3 R^{38} , which are the same or different.

21. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^{38} is independently selected from the group consisting of F; Cl;
CN; CH_3 ; C_2H_5 ; $CH_2CH_2CH_3$; $CH(CH_3)_2$; CF_3 ; O- CH_3 ; O- C_2H_5 ; S- CH_3 ; SO_2NH_2 ; T^3 ;
and O- T^3 .

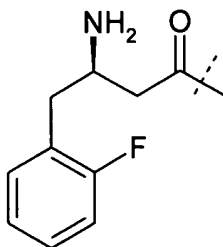
22. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein T^2 is selected from the group consisting of

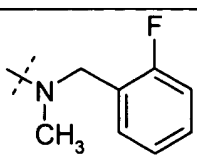
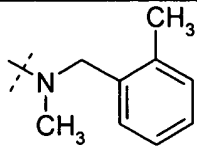
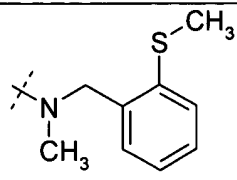
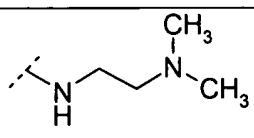
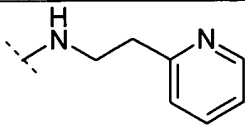
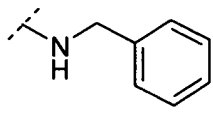
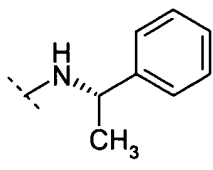
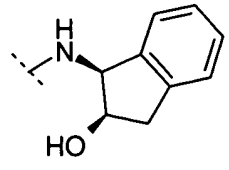


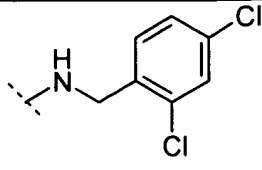
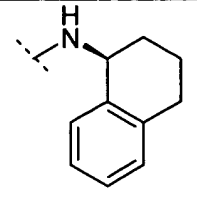
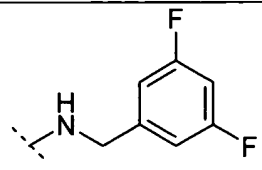
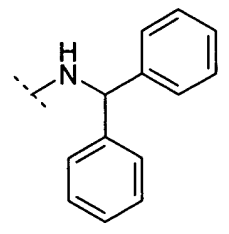
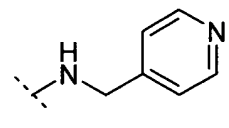
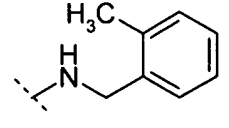
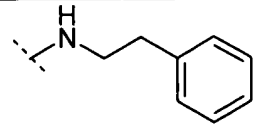
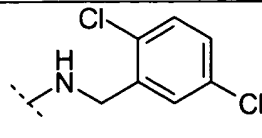
and wherein T^2 is optionally substituted with 1-2 R^{41} , which are the same or different.

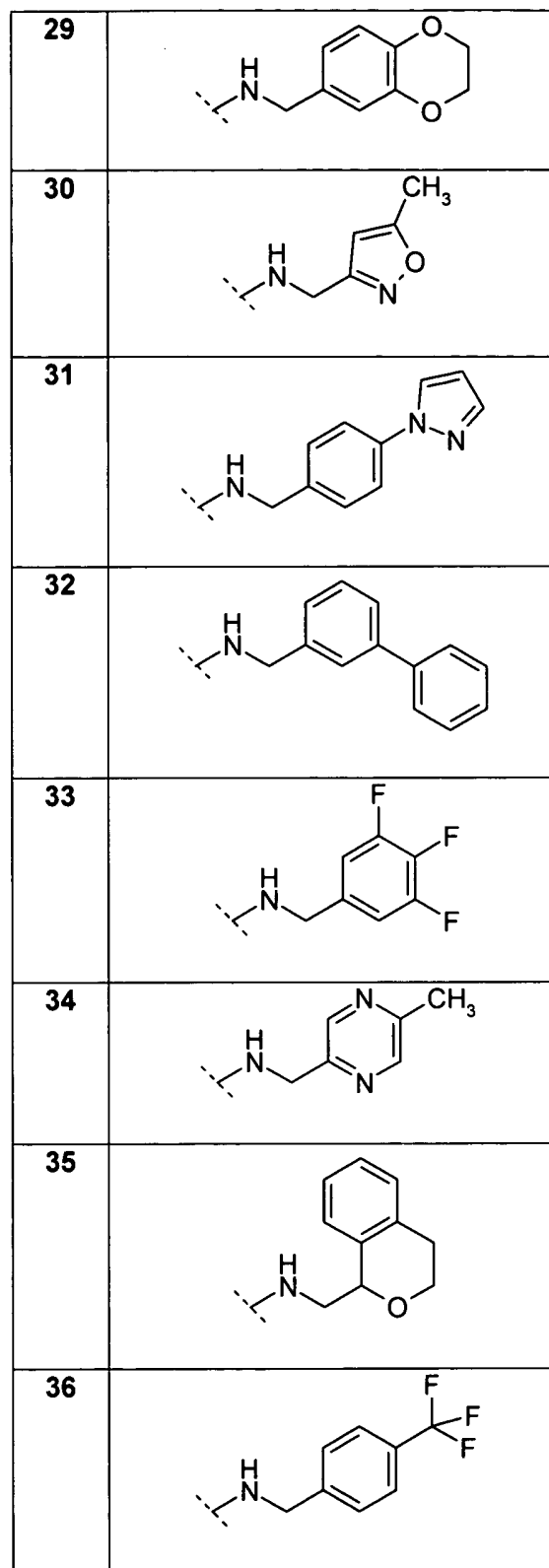
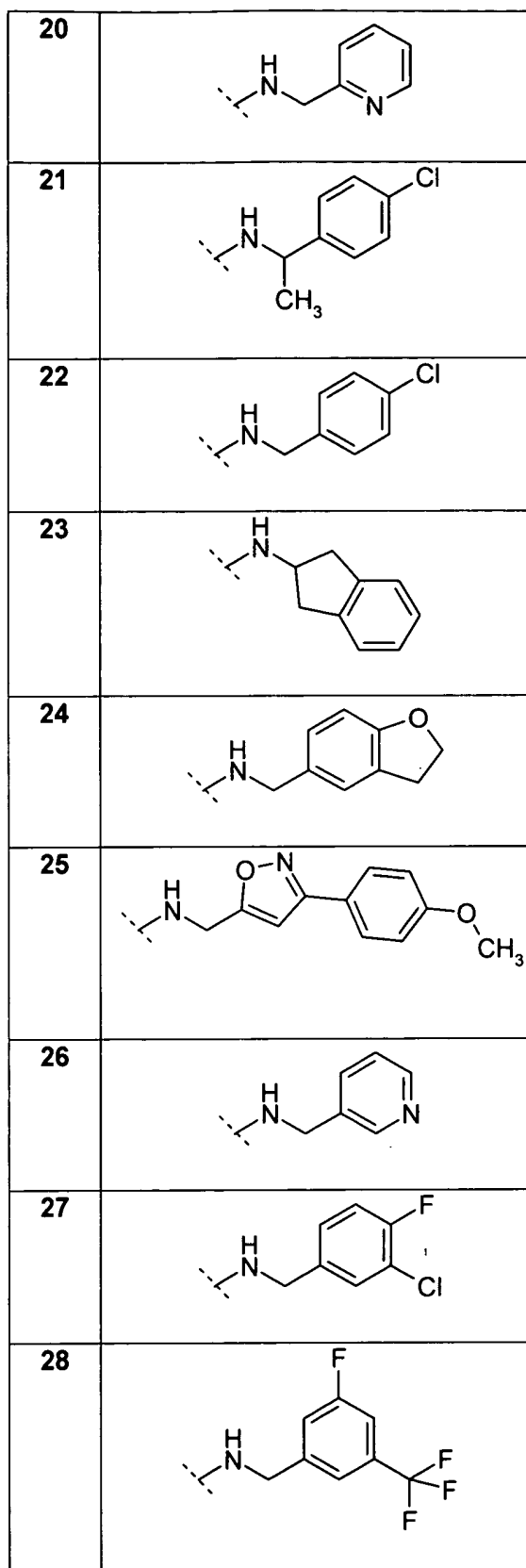
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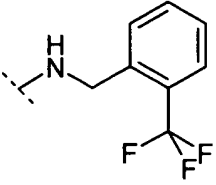
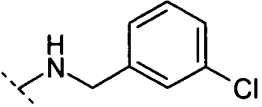
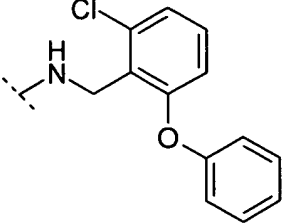
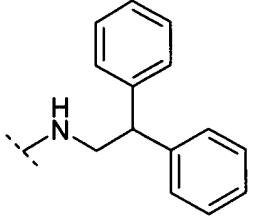
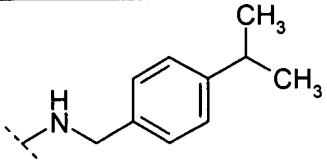
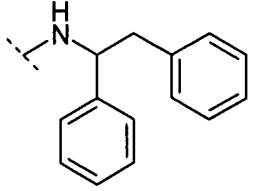
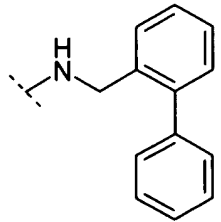
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claim 1, wherein T^3 is T^4 .
25. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein T^4 is phenyl, wherein T^4 is optionally substituted with 1-3 R^{51} , which
are the same or different.
26. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^{51} is independently selected from the group consisting of F; Cl;
 CH_3 ; C_2H_5 ; $CH_2CH_2CH_3$; $CH(CH_3)_2$; CF_3 ; $O-CH_3$; $O-C_2H_5$; $S-CH_3$; and SO_2NH_2 .
27. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein T^3 is T^5 .
28. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein T^5 is heterocycle, wherein T^5 is optionally substituted with 1-2 R^{54} ,
which are the same or different.
29. (Currently amended) A compound according to ~~any one of the preceding claims~~
claim 1, wherein R^{54} is selected from the group consisting of OH; and CH_3 .
30. A compound according to claim 1 selected from the group consisting of

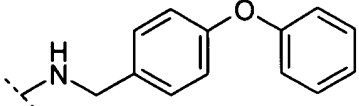
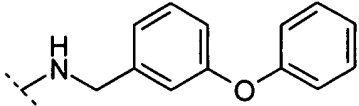
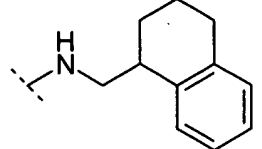
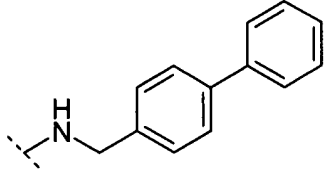
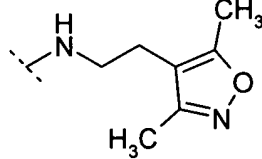
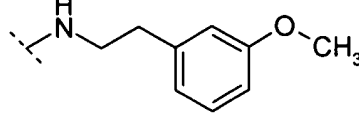
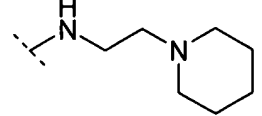
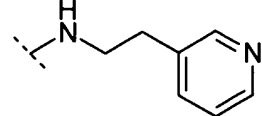
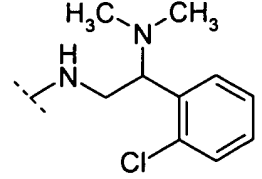


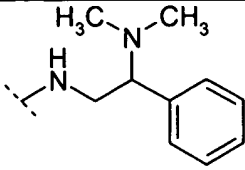
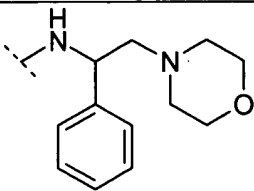
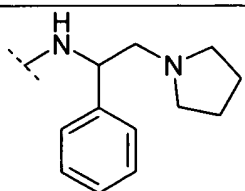
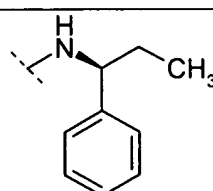
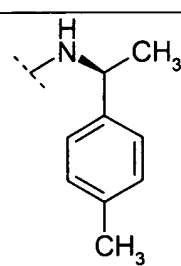
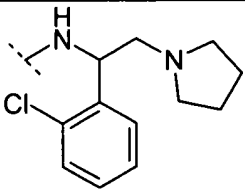
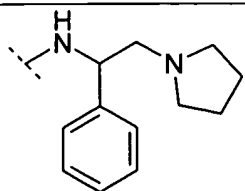
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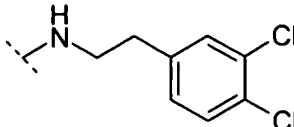
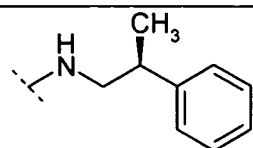
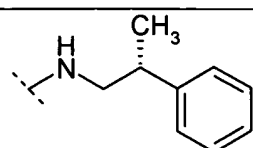
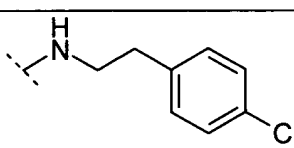
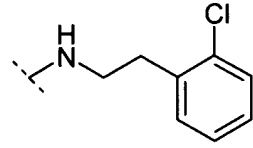
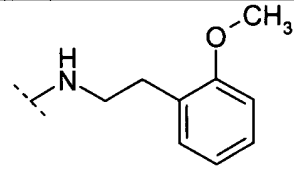
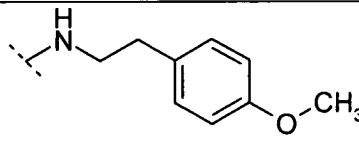
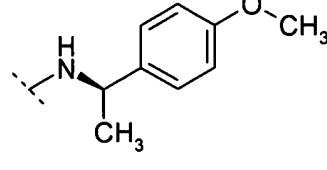
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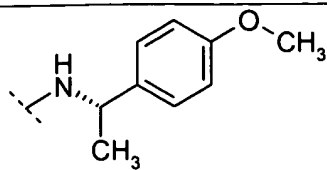
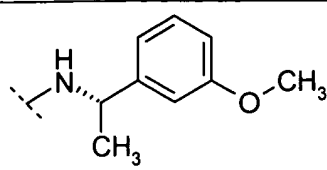
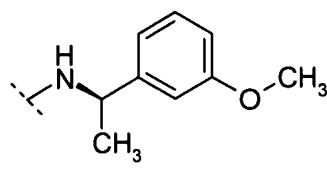
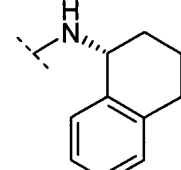
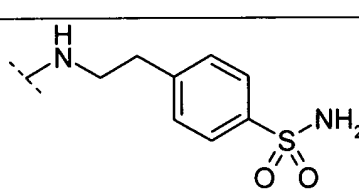
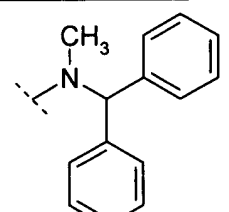
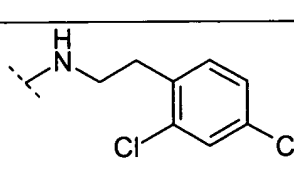


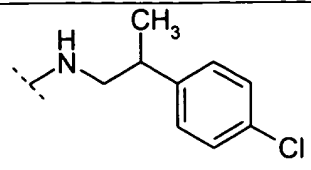
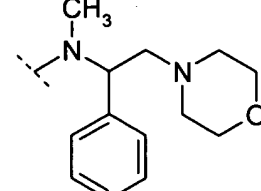
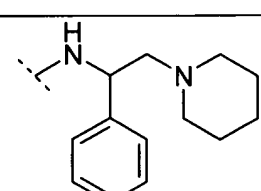
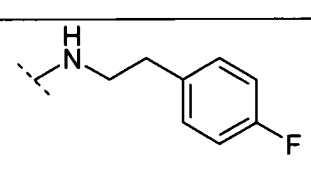
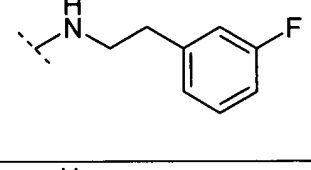
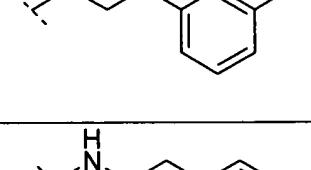
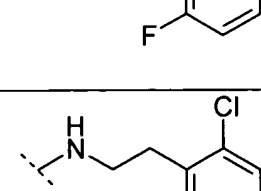
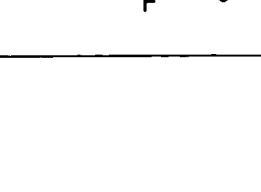
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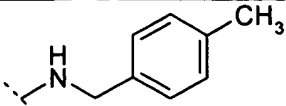
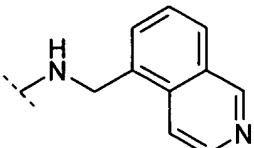
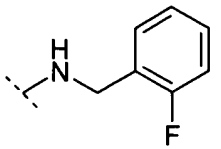
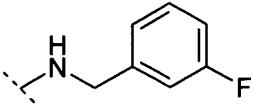
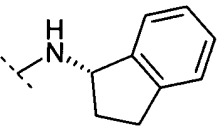
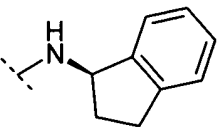
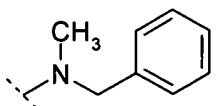
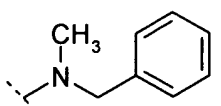
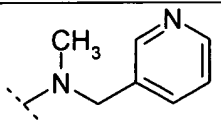
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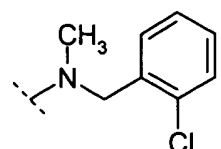
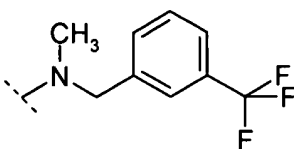
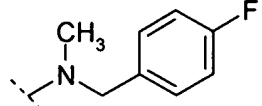
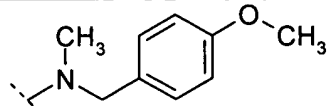
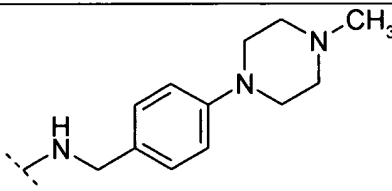
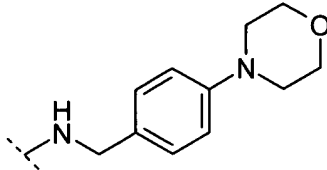
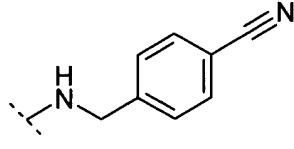
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31. (Currently amended) A prodrug compound of a compound according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 30~~ claim 1.
32. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition comprising a said compound or a said pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof according to ~~any one of the claims 1 to 31~~ claim 1 together with a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier.
33. (Currently amended) A pharmaceutical composition according to claim 32, comprising one or more additional compounds or pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof selected from the group consisting of another of said compound or said pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof ~~according to any one of the claims 1 to 27;~~ another DPP-IV inhibitor; insulin sensitizers; PPAR agonists; biguanides; protein tyrosinephosphatase-1B (PTP-1B) inhibitors; insulin and insulin mimetics; sulfonylureas and other insulin secretagogues; α -glucosidase inhibitors; glucagon receptor antagonists; GLP-1, GLP-1 mimetics, and GLP-1 receptor agonists; GIP, GIP mimetics, and GIP receptor agonists; PACAP, PACAP mimetics, and PACAP receptor 3 agonists; cholesterol lowering agents; HMG-CoA reductase inhibitors; sequestrants; nicotinic alcohol; nicotinic acid or a salt thereof; PPAR α agonists; PPAR α / γ dual agonists; inhibitors of cholesterol absorption; acyl CoA : cholesterol acyltransferase inhibitors; anti-oxidants; PPAR α agonists; antiobesity compounds; an ileal bile acid transporter inhibitor; and anti-inflammatory agents.
34. (Currently amended) A compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of ~~any one of the claims 1 to 31~~ claim 1 for use as a medicament.
35. (Currently amended) A method ~~Use of a compound or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of any of the claims 1 to 31 for the manufacture of a medicament for the treatment or prophylaxis of non-insulin dependent (Type II) diabetes mellitus; hyperglycemia; obesity; insulin resistance; lipid disorders; dyslipidemia; hyperlipidemia;~~

hypertriglyceridemia; hypercholesterolemia; low HDL; high LDL; atherosclerosis; growth hormone deficiency; diseases related to the immune response; HIV infection; neutropenia; neuronal disorders; tumor metastasis; benign prostatic hypertrophy; gingivitis; hypertension; osteoporosis; diseases related to sperm motility; low glucose tolerance; insulin resistance; its sequelae; vascular restenosis; irritable bowel syndrome; inflammatory bowel disease; including Crohn's disease and ulcerative colitis; other inflammatory conditions; pancreatitis; abdominal obesity; neurodegenerative disease; anxiety; depression; retinopathy; nephropathy; neuropathy; Syndrome X; ovarian hyperandrogenism (polycystic ovarian syndrome; Type II diabetes; or growth hormone deficiency, comprising administering to a subject in need of said treatment said compound or said pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of claim 1.

36. (Currently amended) A method to inhibit Use of a compound according to any one of the claims 1 to 31 as DPP-IV inhibitor peptidase activity comprising administering said compound or said pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof of claim 1 to a subject in an amount sufficient to inhibit DPP-IV peptidase activity.